
From: Doug Davis_SC
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 11:05 AM
To: 'Smith, CLS'
Subject: RE:

Of course. Thanks for coming by. Will sleep sometime soon, hopefully. Have a great Mother's Day weekend.

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, CLS [<mailto:CLS.Smith@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 4:34 PM
To: Doug Davis_SC
Subject:

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Pls thank kel for visit. U look tired! Pay off ur sleep debt over the weekend!
Lamar

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Sent: Thu 6/02/11 10:48 PM
To: lamarsmith21@gmail.com camp (lamarsmith21@gmail.com); Gerardo Interiano (ginteriano@gmail.com); Doug Davis (onionboys@hotmail.com)
Cc: jybb1b2@aol.com Brown (jybb1b2@aol.com)

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From: eopiel@ericopiel.com
Subject: Re: Lamar Smith Meeting Thursday Feb 2
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2011 16:15:51 -0600
To: onionboys@hotmail.com

Yes, thanks!

See you both then.

If you have time before then, can I come over and see your setup?

Eric

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Sent: Mon 1/10/11 9:53 AM
To: ginteriano@gmail.com
Cc: eopiela@ericopiela.com

I'm day-to-day on lunches. It just depends on how long the Senate's in session. Sorry I'm unable to commit.

> Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2011 09:41:00 -0600
> Subject: Re: Lunch
> From: ginteriano@gmail.com
> To: onionboys@hotmail.com
> CC: eopiela@ericopiela.com
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> How about lunch next Tuesday the 18th?
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> On Mon, Jan 10, 2011 at 8:29 AM, Doug Davis <onionboys@hotmail.com> wrote:
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> > Date: Fri, 7 Jan 2011 20:41:22 -0600
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> If not how about the following Monday?
>
> Hope all is well. Sen. Seliger was well received in DC.
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> Eric
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District	Population	Deviation	% Hispanic	% NH_Doj_Blk	% H18+_Pop	% NH18+_Dol_Blk	% SSVR	%B+H	VAP	% McCain	% Perry	% Abbott
01	698488	0	15%	18%	12%	18%	4%	30%	69%	66%	75%	
02	698488	0	28%	14%	25%	13%	13%	37%	61%	59%	69%	
03	698488	0	14%	9%	13%	8%	6%	21%	61%	64%	70%	
04	698488	0	12%	11%	10%	10%	4%	20%	70%	64%	74%	
05	698488	0	23%	13%	19%	12%	8%	31%	64%	60%	71%	
06	698488	0	21%	17%	18%	16%	9%	34%	57%	56%	65%	
07	698488	0	23%	11%	21%	11%	11%	32%	61%	59%	71%	
08	698488	0	19%	8%	16%	8%	7%	24%	73%	70%	80%	
09	698488	0	43%	36%	40%	36%	16%	75%	21%	20%	26%	
10	698487	-1	27%	12%	24%	11%	12%	35%	56%	57%	67%	
11	698488	0	34%	4%	30%	4%	21%	33%	76%	72%	82%	
12	698488	0	23%	10%	19%	9%	11%	28%	60%	59%	68%	
13	698488	0	23%	5%	20%	5%	12%	25%	77%	72%	82%	
14	698488	0	27%	11%	23%	11%	15%	34%	64%	60%	71%	
15	698488	0	83%	2%	79%	2%	68%	81%	40%	42%	51%	
16	698488	0	83%	3%	81%	3%	70%	84%	32%	35%	41%	
17	698488	0	22%	13%	19%	12%	10%	31%	64%	59%	72%	
18	698488	0	41%	37%	37%	37%	16%	74%	22%	22%	28%	
19	698488	0	33%	6%	29%	6%	22%	35%	71%	68%	80%	
20	698488	0	67%	6%	63%	6%	52%	70%	40%	40%	51%	
21	698488	0	30%	4%	27%	4%	18%	30%	56%	57%	67%	
22	698488	0	24%	15%	22%	14%	14%	36%	58%	58%	67%	
23	698488	0	67%	3%	63%	3%	52%	66%	52%	53%	63%	
24	698488	0	23%	10%	20%	10%	9%	30%	58%	61%	68%	
25	698488	0	61%	14%	56%	14%	39%	70%	32%	33%	43%	
26	698488	0	17%	7%	15%	7%	7%	21%	65%	66%	74%	
27	698488	0	82%	1%	78%	1%	70%	79%	40%	43%	52%	
28	698488	0	80%	2%	77%	2%	68%	79%	40%	40%	48%	
29	698488	0	76%	10%	73%	10%	52%	83%	37%	32%	40%	
30	698488	0	37%	45%	32%	45%	13%	78%	-20%	21%	25%	
31	698488	0	23%	13%	20%	12%	12%	32%	55%	58%	69%	
32	698488	0	23%	13%	20%	12%	8%	32%	55%	55%	63%	
33	698488	0	66%	16%	61%	17%	34%	78%	31%	31%	36%	
34	698482	-6	16%	4%	13%	4%	8%	17%	55%	55%	64%	
35	698488	0	49%	5%	44%	5%	36%	49%	58%	57%	68%	
36	698488	0	17%	20%	15%	19%	7%	34%	62%	61%	68%	

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Attached is a proposal with some ideas for new congressional districts. A great majority of the Texas Republican delegation supports moving the process forward. We appreciate your efforts to draw a map that is fair and reflects the population growth in Texas over the last decade. This proposal maintains the core of all current incumbent districts unless necessary to create a Voting Rights Act district. It creates four new districts, as allowed by the census results:

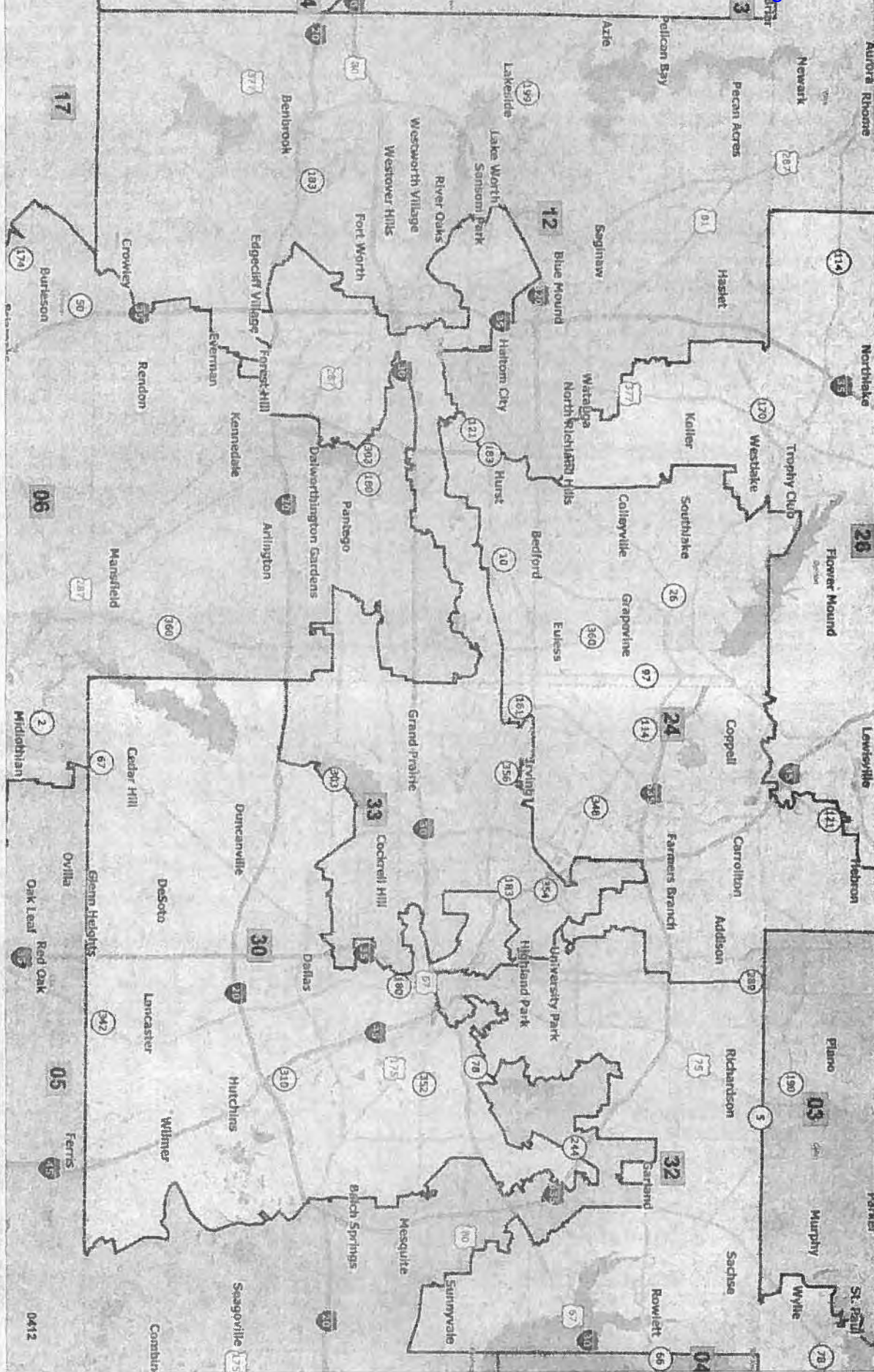
1. One new likely Republican district in East Texas.
2. One new likely Republican district in Central Texas
3. One new likely Republican district in South Texas
4. One new Voting Rights Act district in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area

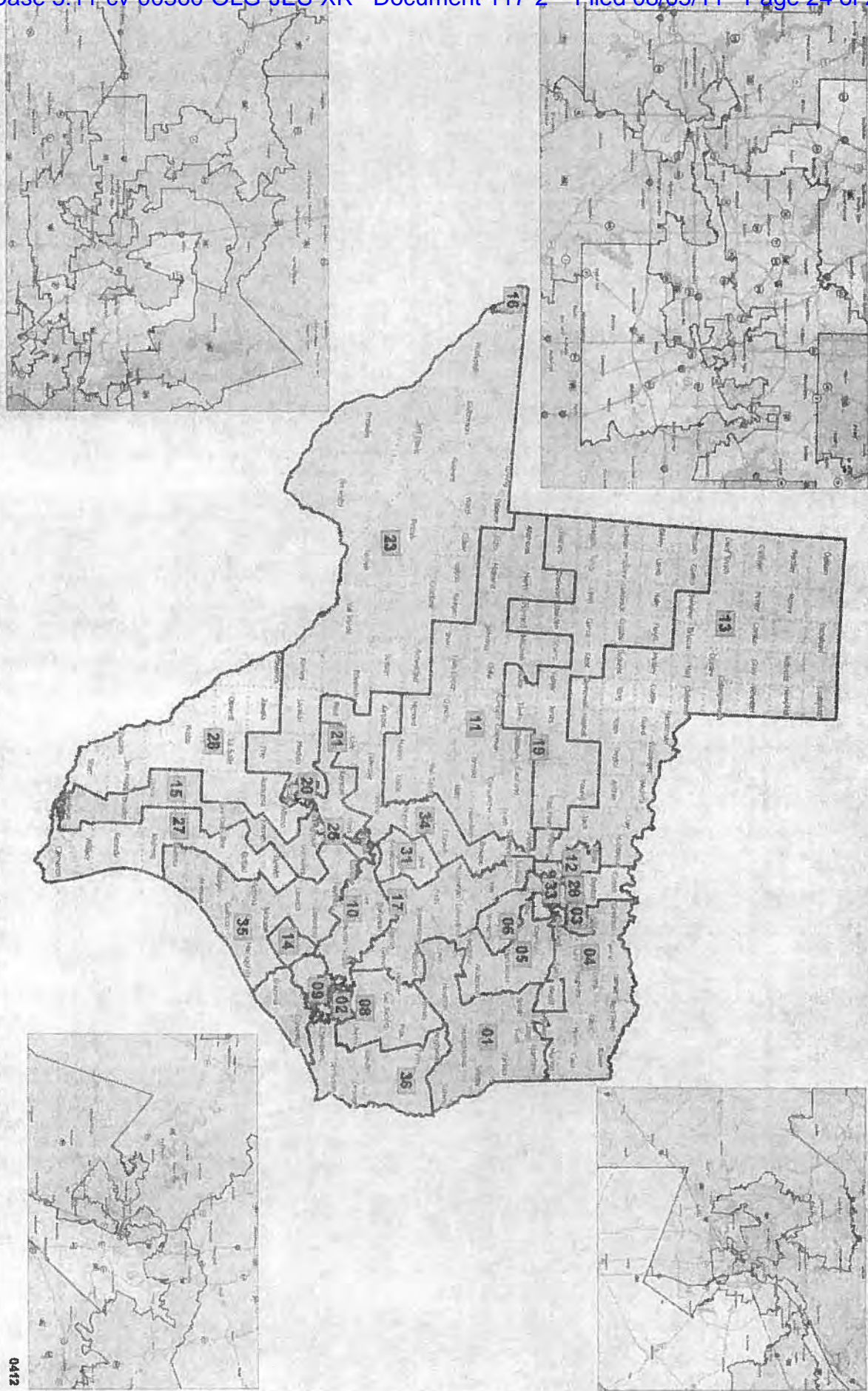
Also, it converts a current non-Voting Rights Act district to a Voting Rights Act district.

This proposal results in 25 congressional districts that lean Republican and 11 that lean Democratic.

We look forward to continuing to serve as a resource to our friends in Austin.

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